



# JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

# Resolution

— RECOGNIZING —

## Mediation Week

March 18–24, 2007

**Whereas** mediation is a dispute resolution process in which a neutral third person facilitates communication between disputants to help them reach a mutually acceptable agreement;

**Whereas** during the past 25 years, California courts have increasingly encouraged, offered, and provided mediation to assist litigants in resolving civil, family, and juvenile actions and proceedings;

**Whereas** mediation offers many potential benefits to litigants, the courts, and the public, including increasing the interested parties' satisfaction with the litigation process and the courts and voluntary compliance with the terms of resolution, while reducing pretrial motions and trials, the time from the filing of an action to disposition, future disputes between the parties, recidivism, litigants' costs, and court workloads;

**Whereas** the availability and success of court mediation programs are largely attributable to the efforts of judicial officers, court staff, and the courts' justice partners, including local government agencies, state and local bar associations, mediation organizations, and individual mediators, many of whom contribute significant time and resources toward conducting mediations;

**Whereas** widespread public awareness of the nature, availability, and benefits of mediation and court mediation programs is essential to ensuring the use of these programs and access to justice; and

**Whereas** the Governor and other California state and local officials and agencies traditionally recognize the third week of March as Mediation Week;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the Judicial Council of California and the Administrative Office of the Courts recognize the week of March 18 through 24, 2007, as Mediation Week, commend the efforts of all those who make mediation and mediation programs available to the citizens of California, and encourage the courts to recognize those individuals and publicize their mediation programs during Mediation Week.

*I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of February, 2007.*

Attest:

RONALD M. GEORGE  
Chief Justice of California and  
Chair of the Judicial Council of California

WILLIAM C. VICKREY  
Administrative Director of the Courts